

Q1 a flexible, elongate support element secured to the respective end portions of the support tube by the securing elements, the elongate support element having two ends, each of the ends being adapted for attachment to a suspended element of the decorative structure.

Q2 5x. A support assembly according to claim 2, wherein the support tube is fabricated from a transparent material.

Please cancel claims 10-17 without prejudice.

Remarks

Claims 1 through 5 and 7 through 17 stand rejected.

Claim 6 stands objected to as containing allowable subject matter, but being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate allowable subject matter.

Claims 10 through 17 have been canceled.

Claims 1 through 9 and 18 through 20 remain in the application.

Attached hereto is a "Marked-up Version to Show Changes Made", indicating the insertions and deletions made by this amendment.

This amendment is made to place the application into condition for allowance. In the alternative, this amendment is made to place the application into better form for consideration on appeal.

Reconsideration and re-examination of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.